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1. The management of the Wismut AG discharged a large number of its Soviet employees in December 1953. They must abandon their connections in Germany and return to the Soviet Union. The technical office at Chemnitz (Hauptstrasse) is now almost entirely staffed by Germans. This office is separate from the management office, which is in Zwickauerstrasse. The discharges are due mainly to the fact that the Soviet administrative staff was much reduced on 1 Jan 54, for reasons of economy. In addition, many of the shafts and objects in the Zwickau region are closed down, especially those in the Zwickau trough (Mulde) near Oberschlema. The workers, according to report, are to be transferred to Czechoslovakia.
2. In this connection reports say that the uranium workings on the Czechoslovakian side of the Elstergebirge are to be greatly enlarged. Localities named are Krasnalipa, Prebutz, Jindrichowice and Graslitz. A transport of prisoners arrested in connection with the "17 Jun 53" events reportedly is already being used in Czechoslovakia to erect a new object in the Asch neighborhood. It is also reported that the Zwickauer Maschinenfabrik has received an order for the delivery of compressors to Asch.

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